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Chief, Hawaii Bureau

Chief, FBIB

Proposed Transfer of Operation to Okinawa

1. It has now become clear that barring unforeseen interference the station on Okinawa will be completed as planned and that ultimately Kamai operations will be transferred either to Peseda or to Okinawa. Detailed engineering of the physical installation on Okinawa is now in progress with the expectation that construction will require approximately one year.

2. Although the project is still classified "Confidential", it is requested that you inform your staff at this time of the eventual move in order that they may make personal plans, and that we may arrive at an estimate of what personnel can be transferred when the Bolo Point station is activated. In this connection present limitations of funds has reduced plans for family housing to 15 quonset type dwellings, costing approximately $23,000 each. While it may be possible to supplement this family housing at a later date our present plans must be laid on the basis of these facilities.

3. It is requested that you emphasize to the staff the desirable aspects of a tour of duty on Okinawa including such items as the comfortable facilities and fully adequate furnishings which will be included in a quonset dwelling with three bedrooms at $23,000, the location of staff housing near an Air Force dependent housing area with consequent availability to commissary and mess facilities and social contacts, and, in general, inclusion into a larger and well organized community.

4. [redacted] during his visit, will be glad to discuss with you fiscal and other problems arising out of the prospective transfer. STAT

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